

Fisheries, and Coast Guard of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 3, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. WEBB. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following staff be allowed the privilege of the floor during consideration of the pending bill: Mary Baker, Ivie English, Lucas Hamilton, Sam Kohn, Scott Mathews, Tsveta Polhemus, and Meena Sharma.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider Executive Calendar Nos. 603, 604, 610, 625, 629, 630, and 700 so that the nominees be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; that no further motions be in order; and that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the Record; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laura E. Kennedy, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

Eileen Chamberlain Donahoe, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Paul R. Verkuil, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States for the term of five years.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Elizabeth M. Harman, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

#### FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Julie Simone Brill, of Vermont, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2009.

Edith Ramirez, of California, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2008.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Lillian A. Sparks, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### NOMINATION OF JULIE BRILL

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am pleased that the Senate today confirmed Julie Brill as Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission, FTC. I have known Julie for her work during nearly 20 years as an Assistant Attorney General from Vermont, and believe that both the FTC and consumers around the country will benefit greatly from her appointment.

Ms. Brill is extremely well qualified to serve as an FTC Commissioner. She graduated from Princeton University and New York University Law School, served as a law clerk to the Vermont Federal Judge Franklin Billings, and served both as an Assistant Attorney General in Vermont and General Counsel of the Vermont Department of Banking, Insurance and Securities. Most recently, Ms. Brill worked as Senior Deputy Attorney General of the Consumer Protection Division in the North Carolina Department of Justice. Over her professional career, Ms. Brill has worked on critical issues in agriculture, tobacco, food, pharmaceuticals, and identity theft. Her expertise and intelligence have allowed her to excel in all of these areas.

The FTC has an important role in protecting consumers from unfair and deceptive trade practices as well as anticompetitive behavior by businesses. Ms. Brill will serve consumers well in her new position as a Commissioner.

Ms. Brill has spent much of her professional life working on behalf of the people of Vermont, and I look forward to continuing to work with her as she helps to advance Chairman Leibowitz's active agenda. I know her family, and was delighted to introduce her at her confirmation hearing. I congratulate Ms. Brill on her confirmation.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2010

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 4; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 4213, the Tax Extenders Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. REID. There will be rollcall votes throughout the day tomorrow as we continue to work through this important legislation.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:57 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

#### THE JUDICIARY

SCOTT M. MATHESON, JR., OF UTAH, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT, VICE MICHAEL W. MCCONNELL, RESIGNED.

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

KENNETH J. GONZALES, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE DAVID CLAUDIO IGLESIA.

MICHAEL C. ORMSBY, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE JAMES A. MCDEVITT.

WILLIE RANSOME STAFFORD III, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE HARLON EUGENE COSTNER.

#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

JAMES L. TAYLOR, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, VICE DOUGLAS W. WEBSTER, RESIGNED.

#### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

#### To be major

MATTHEW H. ADAMS  
CLAUDINE M. ANDOLA  
LARRY A. BABIN, JR.  
CHAD B. BALFANZ  
JACOB D. BASHORE  
RYAN BEERY  
CANDACE M. BESHESSE  
BRADFORD D. BIGLER  
TIMOTHY J. BILECKI  
JENNIFER J. BOWERSOX  
HOLLY K. BRYANT  
PAUL D. CARLSON  
NAGESH CHELLURI  
THOMAS L. CLARK, JR.  
HOWARD C. CLAYTON  
STEVEN J. COLLINS  
JESSICA CONY  
PATRICK L. DAVIS  
JOHN C. DOHN II  
JEROME P. DUGGAN  
DAVID A. DULANEY  
BONNIE L. DUNLOP  
MATTHEW S. FITZGERALD  
SCOTT R. FORD  
LAWRENCE P. GILBERT  
RICHARD E. GORINI  
JOHN J. GOWEL  
KATHERINE S. GOWEL  
PATRICK B. GRANT  
JOSEPH P. GROSS  
KEVIN G. HELLER  
CARL E. HILL  
KELLI A. HOOKE  
SCOTT Z. HUGHES  
NATHAN P. JACOBS  
WILLIAM B. JENNINGS  
KEVIN M. JINKS  
ERIC A. JONKER  
MICHAEL P. KAVANAGH  
KEIRSTEN H. KENNEDY  
ANDREW K. KERNAN  
JOSHUA L. KESSLER  
DANIEL R. KICZA  
JACK H. KO  
JOHN R. KOKOSZKA  
MATTHEW A. KRAUSE  
JOSEPH E. KRILL  
DANIEL R. KUECKER  
MARGARET V. KURZ